



The Cellar Club Inc

Established in 1980

Newsletter - April 2016

**Next Event: Pegasus Bay, Waipara.
Wednesday 13 April 2016, 7.45pm for 8.00pm start.
Johnsonville Community Centre Hall, 3 Frankmoore Avenue,
Johnsonville**

**Members: \$14 Guests: \$18.
Presenter: Edward Donaldson, Marketing Manager.**

PEGASUS BAY
FINE WAIPARA WINE



The Donaldson family have been seriously involved in wine since the early 1970's and were pioneers of local grape growing and wine making.

Associate Professor and Consultant Neurologist, Ivan Donaldson is a wine writer and wine judge and has recently been awarded an Order of Merit for his contribution to Neurology. He also oversees viticulture and wine styles while his wife Christine directs most of her energy on maintaining the winery's extensive grounds. She is also a lover of opera and the arts and has been heavily involved in the local Opera scene for many years. Christine has organised a number of concerts at the winery's natural amphitheatre and a reserve range of wines have been dedicated to Christine's passion for opera.

Their eldest son, Matthew is winemaker and graduated with an oenology degree and a postgraduate diploma in viticulture at Roseworthy College in Australia. He has worked many vintages in other parts of the world, with a particular focus on Burgundy. 2012 marked Matthew's 20th vintage at Pegasus Bay.

Another son, Edward is Marketing Manager who spends much of his time trotting the globe and promoting his family's wines to the more than 25 countries where Pegasus Bay is distributed, his wife Belinda directs the winery's multi award winning restaurant. The youngest son Paul, who has an MBA, is the winery's General Manager.

Pegasus Bay is an entirely family-owned and operated enterprise.

The tasting will include: In the Pegasus Bay range the Sauvignon/Semillon 2013, the Bel Canto Riesling 2014 and the straight Pegasus Bay Riesling 2014. These will be followed by the Main Divide Chardonnay 2014, before we move on to the reds which will include a 2012 Pinot Noir, a 2012 Merlot/Cabernet and we will finish off with 2011 Finale

From the Editor

Our journey this month takes us to Waipara and the iconic Pegasus Bay Winery. Pegasus Bay is a top winery from this region and we are sure this will be another successful event. See you there.

Don't forget the AGM next month. The meeting will not be onerous and there will be a chance for a little supper and to sample some wines from our cellar. Can we just ask members to be a little circumspect with the size of their tasting at the AGM. Generally there is only one bottle of each wine and we would like as many people as possible to be able to sample the wines. Thanks.

The July dinner will be held at Logan Brown this year. This is something of a coup and we are hoping for a good turn-out. The cost is at the higher end but will be subsidised by the Club, and it will be BYO A great night to look forward to.

Cheers

Robin Semmens, Editor

Looking Back - March 2016 – South2South, Wines of Argentina – Josefina Telleria



This was an excellent evening enjoyed by all who attended. The discussion was interesting and the wines intriguing.

Josefina spoke with such passion of the home of Malbec where half is exported to the US with the remaining wines scattered predominately throughout the UK, China, and a small amount to New Zealand. Noted for the vineyards high altitude, crisp clean air and microclimates, extremely hot 50 degrees days, pure melted water from the Andes, the wines represent these elements outstandingly. The wines came from as far north as Famatina and Mendoza in the south.

There was a very high order level and I spent several hours on a recent Sunday delivering wines throughout our region.

Looking Forward - May 2016- AGM

The Cellar Club Inc Annual General Meeting will be held as follows:



When: 8pm Wednesday 11 May 2016
Where: Johnsonville Community Centre
Moorefield Road, Wellington

Please give some thought to any proposals you might want to introduce for the meeting, we are happy to take ideas from members about future activities for the Club.

As always members will be provided with a light supper and the opportunity to sample some wines from our cellar after the formal part of the evening. We will send out a formal notice and documents closer to the meeting in accordance with our Club rules.

General Information

Screwcaps - Anne collects screwcaps at meetings. As mentioned she gives them to the Lions organised Kidney Kids Support Group. No food lids or beer tops please.

Drinking and Driving - Members will be aware that the drink/drive limits have now been lowered. We ask members to always be conscious of the new limits and to take care when attending Club events.

Members Draw - There is a members prize draw at each meeting, you must be present to win, and it must be won each meeting.

Have you Heard



In the News – What your wine choice says about you

(Laura Morelli-Stuff – 17 February 2016)



Are you the life of the party or elegant and graceful?

From merlot to shiraz, we've got a list of wines that reveal the truth about your personality. Which one are you most suited to?

Shiraz

You're the life of the party. You have no problem dancing on tables. You're a true free spirit. You always seem to try new things because life's too short.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Always assertive and direct, you command discussion and want your voice to be heard. You enjoy the classics and have a thing for old-world affairs. Just like Brad Pitt, you only get better with age.

Merlot

The one known as "easy to drink," just like you're easy to get along with. You're always a delightful partner for table conversation.

Pinot Noir

Fresh, elegant and graceful. You enjoy nothing better than the scent of sea breeze

Riesling

You're sweet and nice. Despite being genuine, people sometimes have a hard time agreeing with you.

Sauvignon Blanc

One word: sophistication. You're always in control and you're good at what you do. The perfect mix of herbal and a little smoky.

Pinot Grigio

You enjoy travelling the world as you yearn to immerse yourself in new cultures in order to connect with the world.

Rosé

You're bubbly and personable and people find you easy to be around and a pleasure to sip on.

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Coming Events

Wednesday 11 May 2016
AGM

Wednesday 8 June 2016
Foxes Island

Wednesday 13 July 2016
Mid Year Dinner – Logan Brown

Wednesday 10 August 2016
Peter Lehmann, Australia

Wednesday 14 September 2016
TBA

Wednesday 12 October 2016
Jane Hunter